

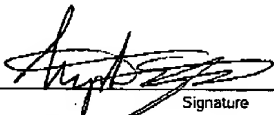
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Filing Date	August 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	Pankaj V. Shah
Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	J. L. Goff II
Attorney Docket Number	A01098A

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In re application of:
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Serial No.: 09/927,009

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Group Art Unit: 1733

Filed: August 9, 2001

Examiner: J. L. Goff II

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A HOT MELT ADHESIVE

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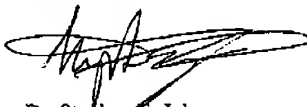
Dear Examiner:

This request for continued examination (RCE) is made in response to the Decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated October 29, 2004 (*Ex parte* Pankaj Vinubhai Shah, Appeal No. 2004-2219, U. S. Appl. Ser. No. 09/927,009). The RCE is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Applicants submit herein a Proper RCE after Board Decision in accordance with MPEP §706.07(h). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider Applicants request continued examination (RCE) of the above named application pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.114 and further request an interview pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.133. The requests are filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Applicants request for continued

examination is proper and Applicants further request an interview with the Examiner of record to discuss originally filed claims 1-4 of the above identified application on their merits and the prior art cited by the Examiner of record, namely Anderson *et al.* (U. S. Pat. No. 5,939,499) and Graham (U. S. Patent No. 6,365,700). Applicants will file a response pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.111 if necessary or file an Affidavit pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.132 if necessary subsequent to an Interview granted by the Examiner.

Please charge Applicants Deposit Account 18-1850 if there are any fees associated with this response. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues related to this application by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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